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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Analysis of Tet Offensive's
Impact on Pacification

1. Each month (with at least some assistance from us), FE/ [] publishes a report on the RDC program which is circulated to the recipients named on the distribution list attached to this memorandum. Usually, this is primarily an operational status report, not a piece of intelligence analysis. (For some time, I have intended to grasp the various bureaucratic nettles involved in transmuting this report into an Agency publication, slightly broader in scope and with appropriate DDI coordination and input. That plan, however, is not the subject of this memorandum.)

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2. The attached (February 1968) edition of the report, just off the press, is a special case. It is devoted entirely to the impact of the Tet Offensive on the RD program. (Its preparation was supervised, and most of it actually written, by [] of my staff.) Because of the political sensitivity of this topic, I have directed that there be no distribution whatsoever of this report outside the Agency until you are apprised of its existence and approve any such distribution.

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3. On distribution, we have several options:

(a) Let the report in its present form go to its usual outside recipients (Leonhart, DePuy, Habib) in the normal fashion.

(b) Do "a" but also send extra copies via buckslip under your signature (e.g. to Rusk, Clifford, Wheeler, and Rostow) or mine (e.g. to Bundy, Warnke, Jim Grant, and possibly Katzenbach and Nitze.)

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(c) Have DDI look at this particular report, then re-issue it (even if the text remains substantially or entirely unaltered) as an Agency memorandum to whatever audience you select.

4. My initial instinct leans me to option "c," but since that would delay until late tomorrow the issuance of a good and comprehensive piece of work (the best available in town) on a subject of great interest and importance, my considered recommendation is option "b." Please let me know your wishes on this matter.

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